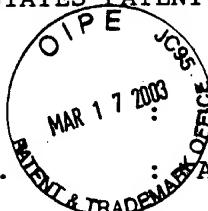


IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE



In re application of
Richard GRIFFITHS et al. : ATTN: APPLICATION BRANCH
Serial No. 08/973,363 : BOX SEQUENCE
Filed December 4, 1997 :

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METHODS FOR SEX IDENTIFICATION
IN BIRDS

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents,
Washington, D.C.

Sir:

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Between pages 50-51, insert the attached Sequence Listing
consisting of pages 51-116.

REMARKS

The foregoing amendments are presented to place the application in compliance with 37 CFR 1.821-1.825.

In view of the foregoing, it is believed that each requirement set forth has been satisfied, and that the application is now in

compliance with 37 CFR 1.821-1.825. Accordingly, issuance of a filing receipt and examination is requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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